

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 329 - SB 853

February 23, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the rules, regulations, and policies of the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to be applied uniformly and consistently throughout the state. DCS is required to appear before the Select Committee on Children and Youth and the Children and Family Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives prior to March 1 each year for a review of rules, regulations, and policies and must submit any new departmental policies within 60 days of adoption for review.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- DCS will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to annually appear before the General Assembly or to provide policy changes within 60 days of adoption.
- Should DCS incur delays in implementing some policies, compliance with federal regulations could be in jeopardy resulting in a loss of some federal funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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